Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP): Engaging Underserved Communities in Regional Water Management

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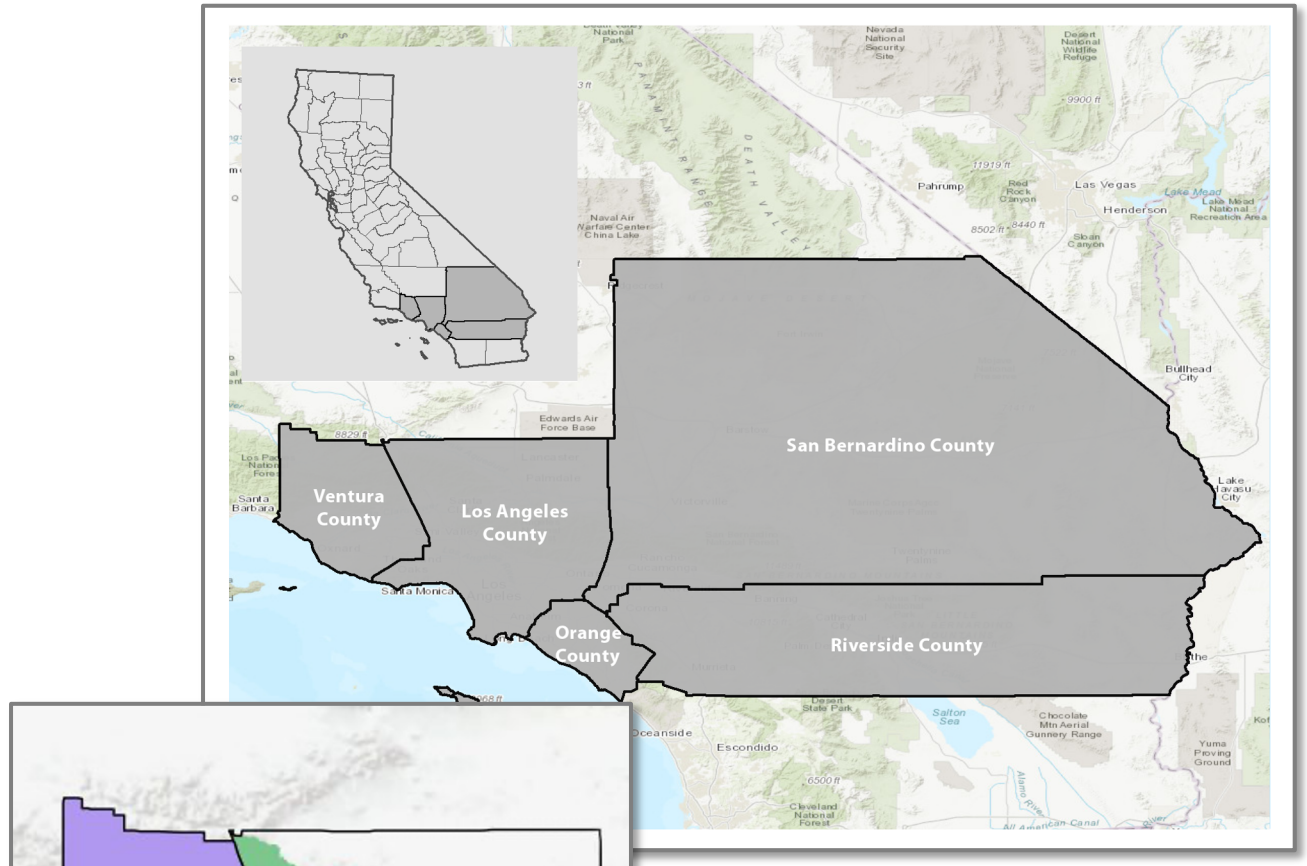
Project Overview

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP)

- Funded by Prop 1 via CA Department of Water Resources
- Main Goals
  - Identify and engage DACs
  - Increase understanding of DAC water resource needs
  - Develop data-driven solutions for selecting projects for technical assistance



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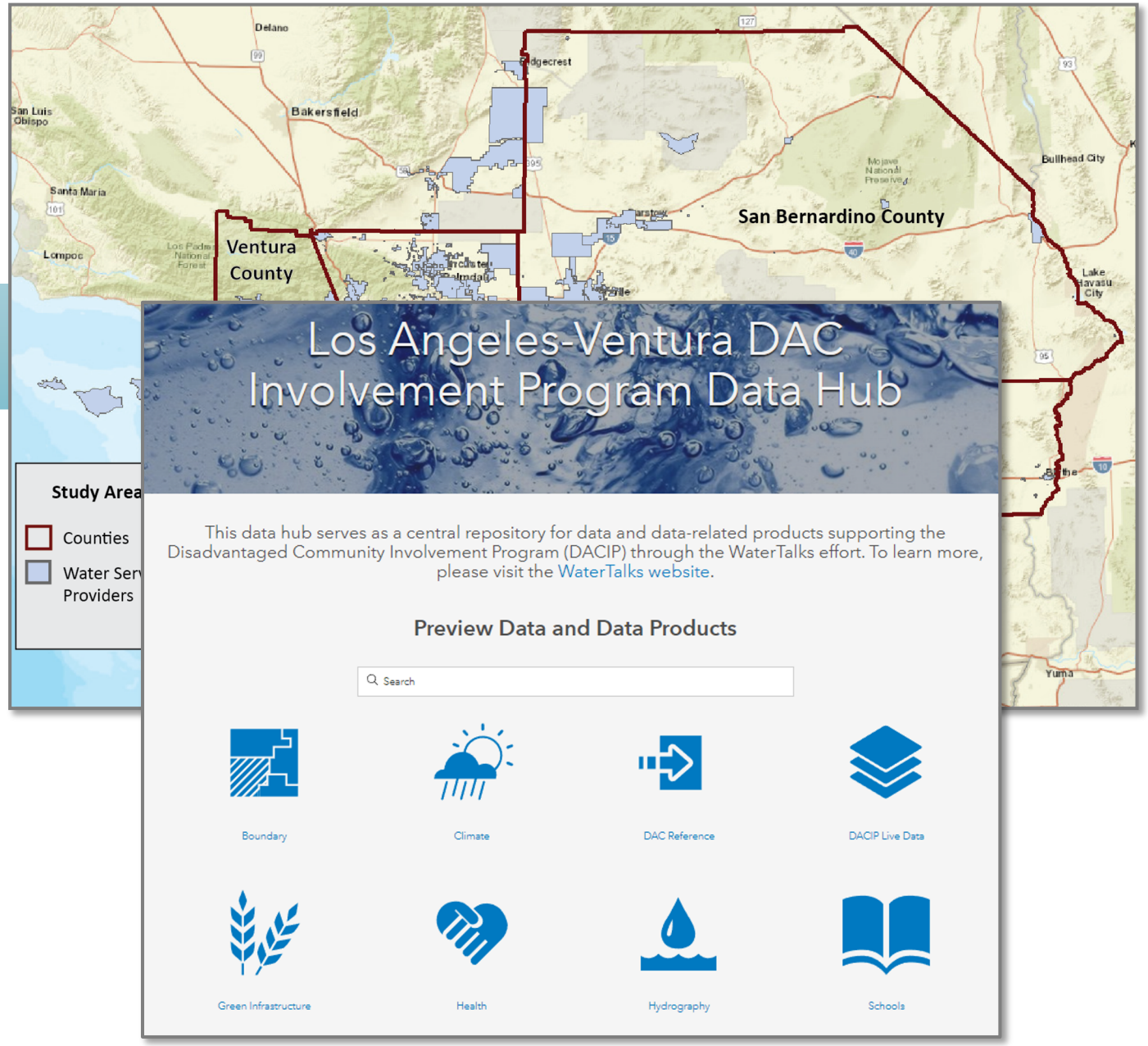

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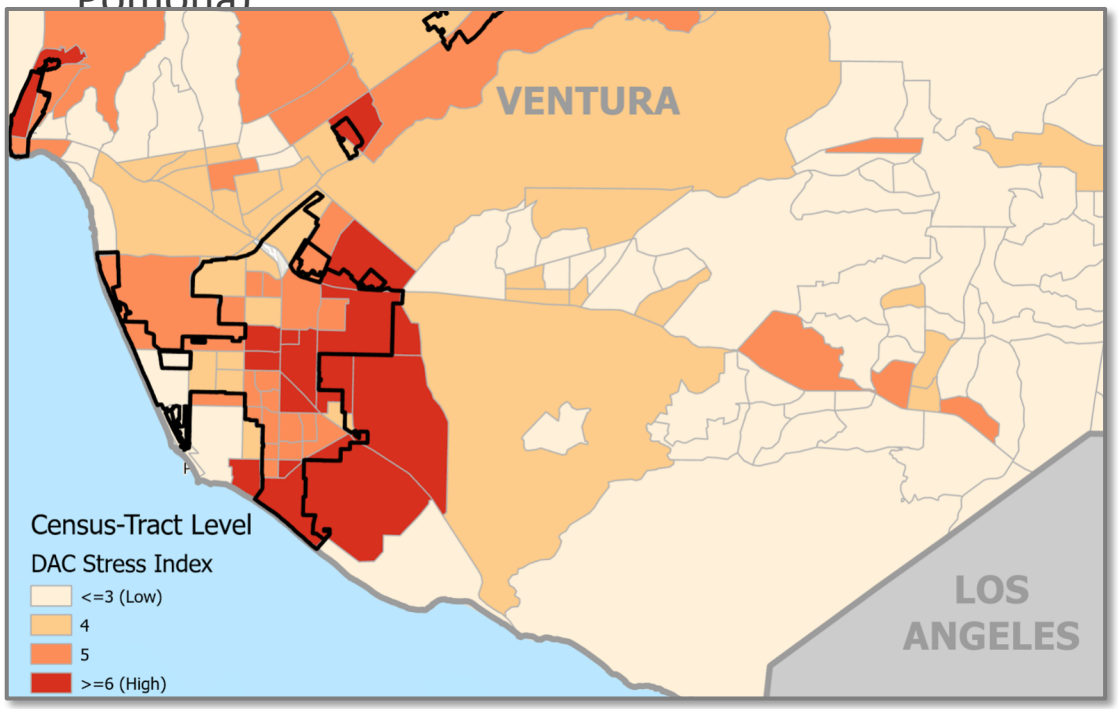
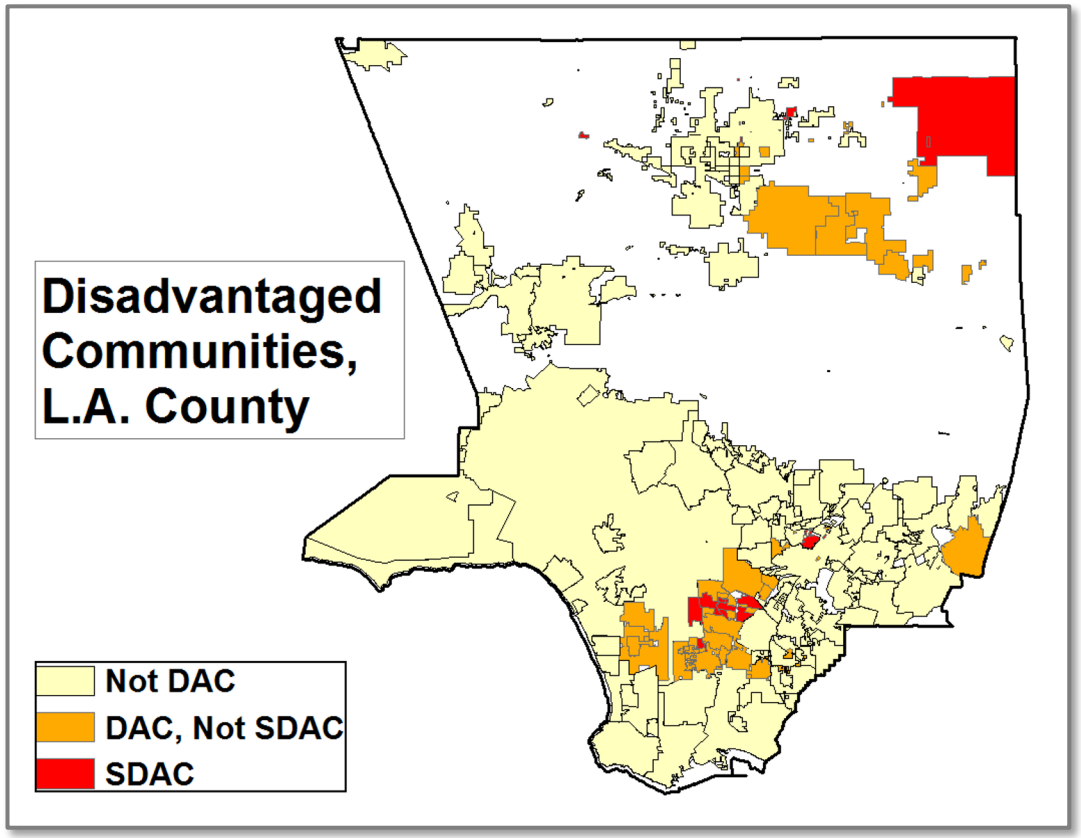
- Perform DAC Modeling
- Identify Priority DACs

DAC Modeling

- Existing Models
- Models Used
  - Stress Model
  - Street Weighted Model
    (in collaboration with Dr. Mike Reibel – Cal Poly Pomona)





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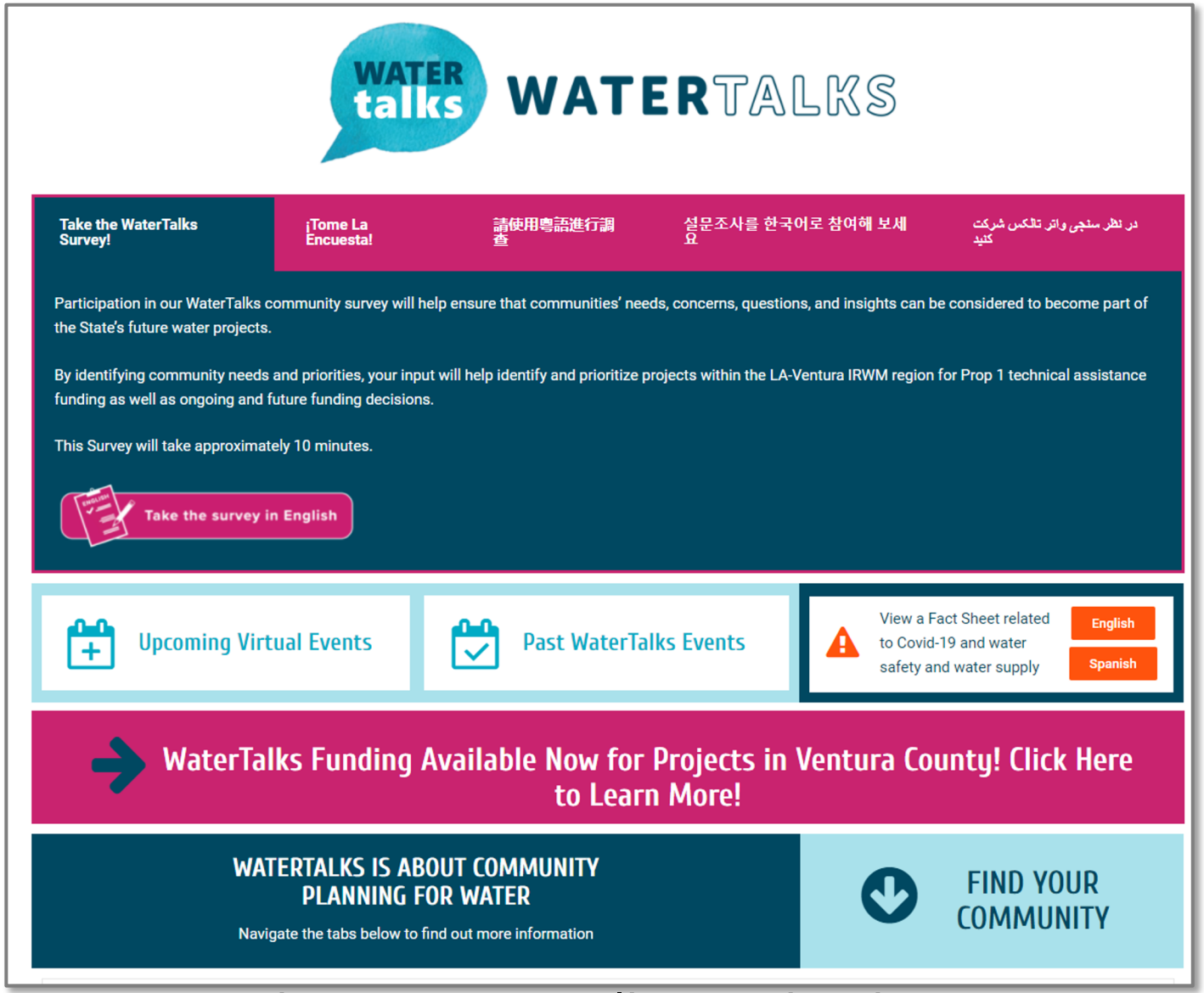

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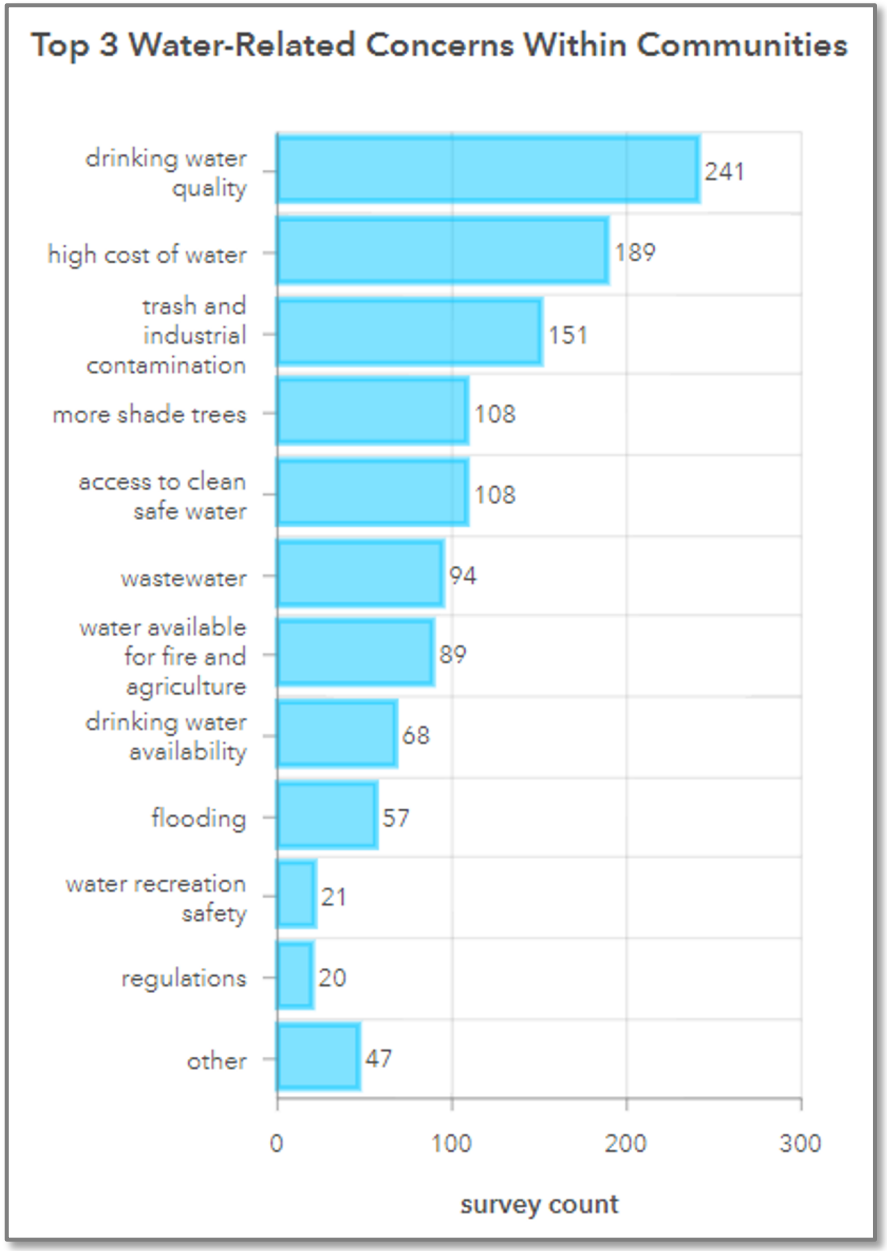
Community and Institutional Needs Assessments

Water issues and opportunities in your home and community

6. What water-related issues are of greatest concern in your community?*

Choose your top 3 concerns.

- [ ] Drinking water quality
- [ ] Drinking water availability
- [ ] Water availability (wildfire suppression, agriculture, other)
- [ ] High cost of water
- [ ] Issues related to wastewater (sewer or septic systems)
- [ ] Flooding



Themes

Community & Institutional

- Needs & Strengths
- Availability & Quality of Water Resources
- Institutional-Community Engagement
- Institutional-Community Collaborations

Institutional

- Barriers to Accessing Water Resources
- Water Resources Infrastructure & Regulations
- Agency Capacity & Technical Needs to Serve Community
- Climate Change

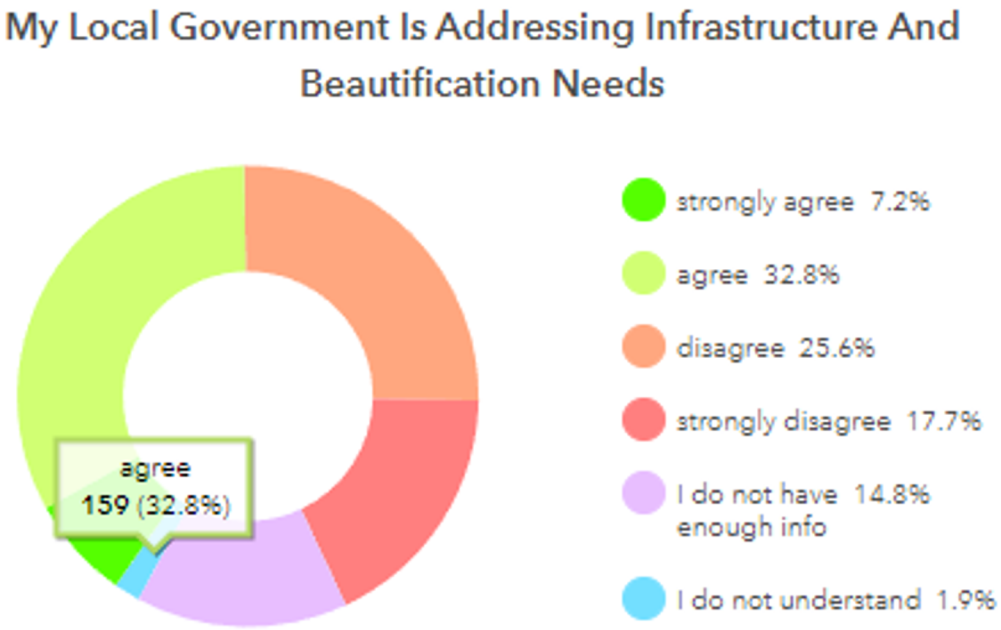
Ventura Example

4. List three things you like about your community.

5. What are the three things your community needs the most?

Connects, Disconnects, Opportunities

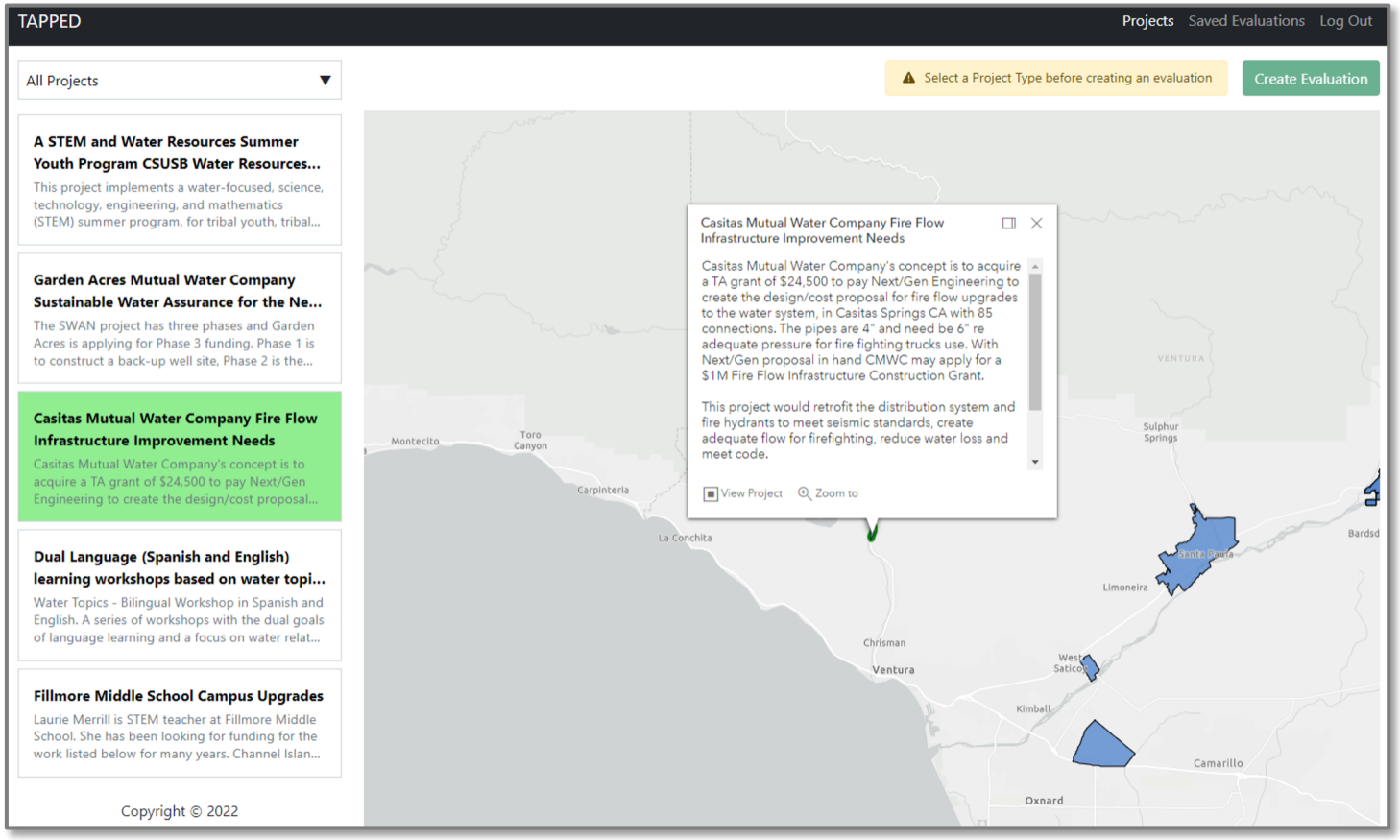
- Disconnects
  - Affordable Housing & Development
  - Water Rates vs Regulatory Compliance, O&M
  - Institutional-Community Engagement/Relationships
- Connects
  - Climate Change Concerns (infrastructure, droughts, supply)
  - Unsheltered Populations in Waterways
  - Barriers to Engagement (internet, time, resources)
- Opportunities
  - Utilize greenspace to address Water Quality
  - Diverse & Flexible Engagement Strategies
  - Community inclusion in IRWM and other collaborations.



Ongoing and Future Work

Develop Project Evaluation Tool

- **Technical Assistance Proposed Projects Evaluation Dashboard (TAPPED)**
  - Assists decisionmakers with data-driven project evaluation and selection
  - Uses multi criteria decision analysis (MCDA)
  - Interactive and user-friendly



Project Evaluation

Select Project Type → **Select Criteria** → **Assign Relative Importance** → **List of Ranked Projects**

TAPPED

Projects | Saved Evaluations | Log Out

▼ Selection Criteria (2)

Select the criteria that will be used in this evaluation.
(You must select at least 2 criteria)

- [x] **Est. % of DAC Households**
  Estimated % of DAC Households
- [x] **Est. % of SDAC Households**
  Estimated % of SDAC Households
- [ ] **Total Number of Households**
  Estimated total households
- [ ] **Population**
  Estimated total population
- [ ] **Population Density**
  Estimated population density (persons/sq mi)

▶ Standardization & Weights

Create Evaluation for *Education*

Show Comparison

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Project Rankings

1. A STEM and Water Resources Summer Youth Program CSUSB Water Resources Institute
2. Dual Language (Spanish and English) learning workshops based on water topics relevant to Agriculture, Landscaping and Restoration in Ventura County.
3. Garden Acres Mutual Water Company Sustainable Water Assurance for the Next Generation (SWAN) Bilingual Education Program

Project Locations

TAPPED Demo

TAPPED

Technical **A**ssistance **P**roposed
Projects **E**valuation **D**ashboard

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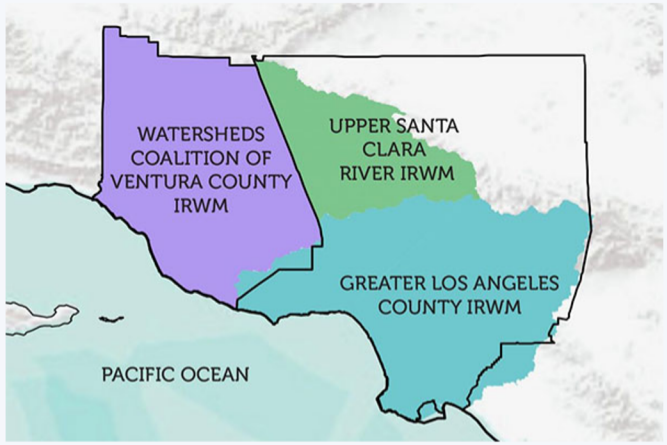

About TAPPED

TAPPED is an interactive online application for evaluating technical assistance projects using a data-driven approach. TAPPED allows for project data exploration, project ranking, and project evaluation by combining project description data, evaluation criteria, and reference data.

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